



Superfund Job Training Initiative

How the *Community* Benefits

Does Your Community Need Jobs and Job Training?



If so, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Superfund Job Training Initiative (SuperJTI) can help!

How can SuperJTI benefit your community? SuperJTI will...

- encourage community organizations, universities, labor unions, and local employers to work together;
- increase the skills of local workers;
- provide job opportunities for qualified residents;
- add to the local economy by preparing local residents for employment; and
- contribute to the cleaning up of the environment.

How does it work?

SuperJTI combines classroom instruction and hands-on work experience, teaching trainees the basic technical skills necessary to work at Superfund sites and other construction or technically related jobs in the community. Such jobs include safely cleaning up lead and asbestos, construction, and equipment operation. Trainees also learn the basic life skills needed to remain employable.



SuperJTI trainees learn how to protect themselves on the job.

"I would encourage other community-based organizations to participate in SuperJTI because it was a super experience. A real opportunity. The learning was tremendous and I was truly amazed." — Bernice Freeman, Reaching Out Incorporated, Douglass Roads Site, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Visit the SuperJTI Web site: www.epa.gov/superfund/tools/sfjti/index.htm

Community Benefits from SuperJTI

Participants benefit from the free training because they obtain skills and experience that can be used on the job. Some SuperJTI programs offer stipends for travel costs, while others may arrange for child care. However, all of them work with employers to ensure that trainees have the opportunity to be employed as soon as possible.

“The SuperJTI program is good because it gives the residents a chance to participate and benefit from the economy rather than bear the burden of it. Once they get a job, that experience and knowledge cannot be taken away from them.” — Melissa Munoz, Program Coordinator, Colorado People’s Economic and Environmental Network (COPEEN), North Denver SuperJTI, Denver, Colorado.

Through the SuperJTI program, EPA is helping communities develop job training programs that will remain long after a site is cleaned up.



Washington Navy Yard SuperJTI graduates celebrate their achievement at a recent graduation ceremony.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

For more information about the SuperJTI program, contact:

Ms. Pat Carey, EPA Headquarters, the EPA Regional office staff member in your area, or visit the SuperJTI Website (<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/tools/sfjti/index.htm>).

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